

I wish to register my strong opposition to the proposed area code change from 716 to 585 as regards Arcade, NY and environs.

Strictly following the county line (which is an arbitrary & artificial line at best) will cut our 492 exchange in two, with some people in the new 585 area code & some in the 716 area code.

This will end up being confusing to some and a hardship & hard on business to others. It would mean, for residential customers, that you have to know the EXACT location of the person being called, as the 492 exchange covers parts of 3 counties.

For businesses it's even worse as it means the expense of all new stationery, cards, ads, etc. Also, being in the perceived "Rochester area code" makes people think it's a long distance call. Most of the people in our part of the county look toward Buffalo (45 mins distant) rather than Rochester (1 1/2 hrs distant) for its business needs. So it makes more sense from a business point of view to have an area code associated with the Buffalo area.

This change would also cut our school district in half, with some schools being in one area code & some in the other. Our Pioneer School district covers parts of 4 counties & it makes sense to have it all in the same area code.

Thank you for your consideration.

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